

INTERESTED PARTY LETTERS

- 1. Letter dated June 10, 2009, submitted by R. Ayer**
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- 4. Letter dated July 12, 2009, submitted by Town of Liberty**
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MAINE POWER RELIABILITY PROGRAM

A CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY PROGRAM

WWW.MAINEPOWER.COM

June 10, 2009

Dear Neighboring Property Owner:

RE: Filing of Application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection

As you know from previous mailings, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) has proposed a major investment in the transmission system to ensure that it can continue to reliably deliver electricity to Maine homes and businesses in the future. This investment, called the Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP), includes reconstruction and/or additions to the part of the transmission system adjacent to your property.

CMP is required by law to provide the enclosed notice making you aware of our intent to file an application for environmental permits with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in mid-June. The required legal language for the notice makes the story seem mundane, when, in our view the condition of the natural resources in the right-of-way is a much more exciting story.

We began surveying natural features in the right-of-way in the spring of 2007. We may have needed and received your permission to cross your property to conduct the surveys. In several places along and adjacent to the existing corridor, we discovered thriving vernal pools, wetlands, rare plants and other features and have designed MPRP to ensure that these natural resources continue to prosper in the right-of-way. Where impacts could not be avoided, CMP proposes restoration and enhancement of various natural resources and will set aside resource-rich lands in other locations with permanent protections to compensate for the impacts. For certain wetland impacts, we have also proposed to fund land conservation or other wildlife and natural resource protection activities through the DEP's in-lieu fee compensation program.

As a neighbor, we appreciate your interest in the activities anticipated for the right-of-way. Please feel free to call our toll free line (1-866-914-1944) or email (info@mainepower.com) if you have questions regarding the Maine Power Reliability Program or the DEP application.

Sincerely,

Mary Smith

Mary Smith, Project Manager
Maine Power Reliability Program
Central Maine Power Company

Enclosure



** Pls note
I just rec'd this feed as
letter on 6/13 - I feel as
though I do not want to
have "a right away" at this
time - I don't want to get into
running in the land as I'm
beginning to connect with the land.*

*R Ayer
P.O. Box 72
Lumbertown ME
04021*

June 22, 2009

Dear Kristen Chamberlain,

This letter is in regard to your "Maine Power Reliability Program." Your proposed Seven Story expansion in North Waldoboro, Maine.

I have property on both sides of your existing easement - which is well concealed.

I had intended giving my children building lots on either side of your easement. I have a 30' wide road on my east boundary line. The road is grown over and probably has one of your poles in the middle of it.

- #1. You will not be able to camouflage this (MPPRP)
- #2. This is a very serious health hazard to my family's wellbeing.
- #3. This will devalue my property.
- #4. This proposed seven story project is not something I approve of. North Waldoboro is a rural - agriculture - animal orientated community, you are purposing a big commercial enterprise. Please find another route.

Sincerely,

Bertrude L Petrovitz
103 Petrovitz Ln
Waldoboro, Me
04572



- I believe that the June 10, 2009 letter from CMP was very insensitive to local concerns about wetland and vernal pool preservation. In summary the suggestion is that whether or not the land deserves mitigation efforts, the right-of-way will be cleared to the maximum extent possible and that the DEP's in-lieu compensation program will either pay or find property elsewhere to protect. Liberty's Planning Board will take up this issue separately, however it is my belief that many residents in Liberty may not be satisfied with the idea of trading Liberty's environmental resources for properties elsewhere in the State. I believe that any trades or payments that take place, should at least take place within Liberty.
- The application is long and the time frame for review does not appear satisfactory
- The application describes maximum clearing, representing the most aggressive strategies, but offers very little in terms of mitigation possibilities. A wholesale acceptance of the application may be interpreted as a statement that no mitigations need take place.

Potential mitigations include:

- "I" construction of the power pole structures as opposed to the proposed "H" construction. Placing the power lines vertically reduces the area needed for clearing. Placing the lines vertically also increases the distance to the ground, thereby reducing EMF.
- There have been multiple questions regarding human health concerns with EMF generated from high voltage lines. Are there any studies regarding the environmental impacts to wildlife that live in proximity to these same lines?
- Engineering efforts to move the power line structures within the corridor to reduce clearing of wetlands.
 - In my particular situation, CMP has declared that another wetland exists in the southern portion of the corridor and that a placement of the power structure there would be equally as disruptive. The "wetland" that CMP is referring to is already under a power line, deforested, in the open, and subject to multiple "mud runs" and vehicle traffic.
 - Efforts to reduce vehicle traffic in cleared wetland areas. Berms or buffers should be constructed to protect areas that are cleared.
- Engineering plans to mitigate impacts to abutting land following extensive clearing. My property has a steep embankment adjacent to the wetland. CMP has offered to leave the stumps intact. This is not a good long term solution and also leaves my driveway vulnerable to collapsing into the wetland.
- The application makes no mention of a recent FERC Notice (Docket No. PF08-24-000) "Supplemental Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Calais LNG Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues Related to the Potential Expansion of the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline System" raises additional concerns about the PUC Docket 2008-255 project and now also PUC Docket 2009-165. This is a serious omission as the FERC Notice refers to the placement of a 36" gas line in the exact same location as the CMP proposal.
 - A second environmental impact statement on the same area included within the CMP application opens the door to conflicting impact analyses. This raises questions regarding definitions of vernal pools and recommendations for mitigation.

- o Most importantly, there appears to be no effort to review the new environmental impact associated with sharing two huge projects in close proximity. The gas line construction on its own involves blasting a 6 foot ditch in granite for most of its way in South Liberty. Are there new environmental impacts associated with the coexistence of both projects?

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Krueger

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Krueger', written over the printed name.

TOWN OF

Town Office
PO BOX 116
Liberty, Maine 04949



LIBERTY

Telephone 207-589-4318

Sunday, July 12, 2009

Department of Environmental Protection
c/o Kristen Chamberlain
Central Maine Regional Office
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: CMP MPRP Filing Application

Dear Ms. Chamberlain:

This letter is written in response to the recent mailing of CMP's application with the DEP on the MPRP proposal. The Liberty Planning Board has had a chance to review the materials forwarded to the Town Office and scheduled a discussion of this information at the July 9th Planning Board meeting, our first meeting since the materials arrived. In particular the Town discussed the corridor between Orrington and Maxcy Station.

Planning Board members, Town Selectmen, and the public discussed the application. The Town requests a meeting with DEP and CMP representatives to discuss this application in greater detail. Examples of issues that we wish to discuss are included below:

- There are several complaints and criticisms associated with the June 10 letter from Mary Smith. A specific complaint is the statement that protected areas in Liberty will be cleared and traded for other locations (in the State?) or bought out through an in-lieu fee compensation. Liberty's Planning Board has been working very strenuously to develop and enforce its Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. It is difficult to have a second set of standards for the MPRP project that is less strict than for our residents who wish to disrupt protected areas.
- If protected land is to be cleared, the application process placed little attention to mitigation efforts. Examples:
 - If a 115 KV line is to be installed, why is there the need to build this to 345 KV standards?
 - Can vertical placement of lines be used to lessen widening impacts on certain protected areas?

- There was a citizen complaint that the data collected to demonstrate the non-existence of a vernal pool was collected at an inappropriate time and that reevaluation should be considered.
- Concerns were raised about EMF affects on humans and wildlife.
- If land is to be traded, Liberty wishes to have protected land located within our municipality. Any in-lieu fees should be distributed within Liberty for conservation efforts.
- The application makes no mention of a recent FERC Notice (Docket No. PF08-24-000) "Supplemental Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Calais LNG Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues Related to the Potential Expansion of the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline System". This is a serious omission as the FERC Notice refers to the placement of a 36" gas line in the exact same location as the CMP proposal. Multiple review agencies on the same properties raise concerns about the potential for conflicting resource conservation observations.
- Alternatives such as PUC Docket 2009-165 to reduce the need for additional transmission lines in Liberty.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,


David McLaughlin, Chairman, Liberty Planning Board

Cc

Mary Smith, Project Manager
MPRP
Central Maine Power Company
83 Edison Drive
Augusta, Maine 04336

Susan Lessard
Chair, Board of Environmental Protection
#17 State House Station
Augusta, Me 04330

Dear Ms. Lessard,

I am a contractor working on the Maine Power Reliability Project at Central Maine Power Company. I will not identify my company, or the nature of my job and I think my reasons will become obvious as I explain my concerns.

Central Maine Power has filed an application for permits with the Department of Environmental Protection. It is being "whispered" that the review and approval of the project have been negotiated in private meetings. These meetings have been attended by David Littell and Central Maine Powers managers, Mike McLain and Kay Rand. A deal has been made. Gift to the State the Kennebec Gorge, 1000 acres of land owned by Central Maine Power along the Kennebec River and David Littell with make sure the Board does not get involved and the project is approved quickly.

I am not against the project. But, I am very concerned that the State allows private deals, cut in back rooms, in order to receive quick approval of projects of this significance. Are all permits for "sale"? Can any Maine business have private meetings with David Littell and make a deal? Is David Littell telling everyone he can make sure the Board does not get involved?

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Callahan, Beth

From: birdhunt@localnet.com
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 12:41 PM
To: Hallowell, Dawn
Subject: MPRP interesed party

Dawn,

My husband and myself own 660+ acres adjoining CMPs MPRP project. We would like to become an interested party in this project.

Thank you,
Marc & Jenniffer Day
385 Johnson Flat Rd
Clinton, ME 04927
207-426-8550

(our mailing address is Clinton but we are actually residents of Pittsfield)

From: craig and laurie [meweb1z@tdstelme.net]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 4:48 PM
To: Hallowell, Dawn
Cc: dan daly
Subject: MPRP interested party

Hi Dawn,
As Vice Chairman, I am requesting on behalf of Maine Council Trout Unlimited (MCTU) to be an interested party on the Maine Power Reliability Project (MPRP). Please keep us updated with developments.

Thank you,
Craig Denis, Vice Chair MCTU

MCTU Electronic, and USPS mailing contact info:

Dan Daly, Chairman (MCTU)
DAN@DALYART.COM
23 Limerock Rd.
Camden, Me 04843

From: Greg Ponte [gponte@tds.net]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 11:29 AM
To: Hallowell, Dawn
Cc: 'craig laurie'; DAN@DALYART.COM
Subject: RE: MPRP web link

Hi Dawn,

I am requesting as President of Kennebec Valley Trout Unlimited to be an interested party on the Maine Power Reliability Project (MPRP) project and to possibly request Board Jurisdiction or a public hearing on this project in the future.

Thank you,

Greg

My mailing address is
 Greg Ponte
 86 Mead Point Road
 West Gardiner, ME.04345

From: Hallowell, Dawn [mailto:Dawn.Hallowell@maine.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009 10:11 AM
To: gponte@tds.net
Cc: Ian Broadwater
Subject: MPRP web link
Importance: High

http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwg/docstand/siteaw/Selected%20developments/power_reliability_project/index.htm

Here it is. Let me know if you want to come into the office to view hardcopies. As I mentioned, Normandeau Associates will be field verifying the locations of streams, wetlands and vernal pools for the Department. The contact person at Normandeau is Ian Broadwater. Ian's email address is: ibroadwater@normandeau.com

Ian – Mr. Ponte represents Trout Unlimited and has expressed an interest in the MPRP project. He asked for your contact info.

Mr. Ponte, The deadline to request Board Jurisdiction or public hearing is today 5pm.

Dawn Hallowell

Maine DEP
 312 Canco Rd
 Portland ME 04103
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 Email: Dawn.Hallowell@maine.gov

**MAINE
STATE
CHAMBER
OF
COMMERCE**

The voice of Maine business

July 27, 2009

David Littell, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection
State House Station 17
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Commissioner Littell:

I am writing on behalf of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and the businesses that we represent all over the State to strongly encourage you to recommend against any request to transfer licensing jurisdiction over the Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP) to the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP).

A reliable supply of electricity is vital to Maine's economy. Electrical studies performed for the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) show that the system needs an upgrade now, and as load grows, the risks to reliability will become more severe.

Building the project is forecasted to require a little over 4 years. Even with prompt review by the MPUC and state and federal environmental agencies, it will be extremely challenging to complete the construction of all facilities proposed as part of MPRP and have them energized by the end of 2012. A transmission construction project of this size and complexity must be carefully orchestrated with careful attention to when lines can be taken out of service. Unnecessary delays in regulatory approvals may increase the risks to Maine electricity users that the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 was intended to avoid.

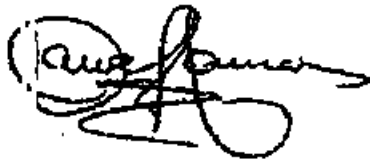
Delays in construction will also increase the overall cost of the project. Prices for materials are currently attractive, but this situation will not last indefinitely. Even without fluctuation in prices, the mere passage of time will increase the project by about \$100 million per year, according to Central Maine Power Company (CMP).

Maine's economy is in a slump and construction workers are idle, making this the best time to begin a project that the best electrical engineers in the northeast have carefully reviewed and determined to be necessary.

BEP jurisdiction will only lead to unnecessary and avoidable delay that may risk the reliability of the transmission system, increase costs to Maine ratepayers, and postpone an important economic stimulus opportunity that will put thousands of Mainers to work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darin F. Connors", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darin F. Connors, President
Maine State Chamber of Commerce

cc: Dawn Hallowell, DEP Project Manager